

REMARKS

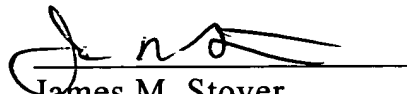
The Official Communication dated January 30, 2004, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in response thereto.

The present application was received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on December 18, 2003. The application was returned to the Examiner because of differences in the claims contained in the appendix of Applicant's appeal brief and the claims contained in the prosecution record for the application.

The Examiner has determined that the claims filed on July 18, 2001 (paper 15) are the claims on appeal.

The foregoing amendment corrects the July 18, 2001 version of the claims by deleting the phrase "the first process is provided" from claims 1, 11, 12 and 13. As amended, the claims are consistent with the version included as an appendix to the appeal brief.

Respectfully submitted,


James M. Stover
Reg. No. 32,759

NCR Corporation
1700 South Patterson Blvd.
Dayton, Ohio 45479-0001

Tel. No. (937) 445-7663
Fax No. (937) 445-4792